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We do our best in all we do, with God's love.
'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.' John 13

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Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble' which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>

SIAMS Inspection

Our SIAMS inspection took place in school on Thursday, 12th October and we will be able to share the outcome with you in a few weeks' time, when the report is published.

Unsurprisingly, all children and adults in school were complete superstars during the inspection day and were able to give the inspector a clear picture of how our Christian vision impacts our life together as a community.

Sincere thanks to you, our parents and carers, for the many ways in which you have supported us this week—from the mini army of parents who lugged books back up the stairs to complete our new look library, those who so thoughtfully completed the Christian Vision survey (we are really touched by your responses), to the group of parents who met with and talked so passionately about our school to the inspector. We are really grateful to you all.

Maple Class visit to Winchester Science Centre

Maple Class had a wonderful time on our trip to Winchester Science Centre yesterday. We spent the day exploring the exhibits, making space matter and visiting the solar system in the planetarium.



Packed Lunches:

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please could you ensure that they have a drink with them.

If your child has a yoghurt, it would be really helpful if they could have a small spoon too please.

Thank you for your help, all these little things help us to make lunch times a happier experience for the children.



New Music Showcase for Pupils

Do you learn an instrument?

Would you like to perform to the other children in school at our new Music Showcase during Collective Worship?



Thursday 19th October

Please let Mrs Anstee or the school office know if you would like to take part. Don't worry if you do not quite feel ready, there will be another opportunity next term.

ROBIN HOOD



A Rip-Roaring Pantomime Adventure
Revised & Written By Scott Ragnall

Lavant Players - February 2024

**Additional Chorus
Members needed -
children & adults**

**LAVANT
MEMORIAL HALL**

Robin Hood Exciting Opportunities

The dedicated cast and crew of Lavant Players are currently hard at work preparing for their upcoming production of "Robin Hood," scheduled for a spectacular performance in February 2024. We're excited to announce that we have a few open spots in our chorus, and we warmly welcome both children and adults to join us.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity, please reach out to our director, Liz Goodey, at committee@lavantplayers.net, or you can also get in touch with our assistant director, Toni Holloway, also at committee@lavantplayers.net. Alternatively, you can simply drop by Lavant Memorial Hall on any Monday evening at 7 p.m. to meet our wonderful company in person. Join us in bringing the legendary tale of Robin Hood to life on stage!

Apple Class Dinosaur Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who visited our Dinosaur Museum and supported our Apple class Dinosaur biscuit bake sale. This was part of Apple Class Business Enterprise to raise funds to buy a new Woodland rug for their classroom carpet area. The children loved showing off their learning to their visitors. We were all so impressed by the amazing variety and quality of work and learning on display, as well as the confident way in which the Apple Class children explained everything to their families.



Well done Apples!



West Dean CE Primary School

Acorn Awards

Friday 13th October



- Yr R** **Eva** - for challenging yourself in Forest School and being proud of yourself.
- Yr 1** **Alice** - for being brave and having the courage to speak during our meeting with the SIAMS Inspector yesterday. We are proud of you.
- Yr 2** **Etta** - for your enthusiasm on our trip to Winchester Science Centre. You were brilliant when we made space matter and asked lots of thoughtful questions!
- Yr 3** **Lucas** - for the kindness and thoughtfulness you show to your friends.
- Yr 4** **Martha** - for being an all round superstar this week. You always try your absolute best!
- Yr 5** **Finley** - for sharing a 'top tip' in Frisbee, enabling everyone to succeed. Great sportsmanship.
- Yr 6** **George** - for being a great friend and celebrating other people's successes.





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Acorn Awards

Monday 9th October



Yr R **Dora** - for your enthusiasm at hunting for fossils and searching up fossil in the book. Brilliant!

Yr 1 **Ava** - for your brilliant typing on the chrome books. Each week you become more confident. Well done!

Yr 2 **Paddy** - for your brilliant attitude towards your learning this week. You've given 100% to every task. Well done.

Yr 3 **Florence** - for being such a kind member of Beech Class. You look out for others all the time, helping people and cheering them up.

Yr 4 **Fynn** - for your hard work and enthusiasm for learning in Beech Class.

Yr 5 **Seb** - for your fantastic maths work this week, you have become a master at column addition and using a grid for multiplication—well done!

Yr 6 **Emie** - for your beautiful sketchbook work in art, it was lovely to see some of the original ways you chose to display your drawings and ideas.



Diary Dates 2023/24



2023/24 INSET Days

Friday 1st September 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Autumn Term 2023 - Monday 4th September - Friday 15th December 2023

Spring Term 2024 - Wednesday 3rd January - Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024 - Monday 15th April - Friday 19th July 2024

Tuesday 17th October	Beech Class visit to The Novium Museum, Chichester
Wednesday 18th October	GAS Enrichment Day at West Dean Gardens (x2 Year 2)
Wednesday 18th October	GAS Maths Enrichment Event (details to follow)
Thursday 19th October	9.55, Music Assembly
Tuesday 31st October	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Tuesday 7th November	Yellow School Photographs, Individual and Sibling
Tuesday 7th November	1.00-3.30, SSP Mixed Football, Chi Uni, (Selected Year 3/4)
Friday 10th November	8.45, Remembrance Assembly
Tuesday 14th November	1.00-3.30, SSP Girls Football, Chi Uni, Year 5/6
Tuesday 14th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 15th November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 16th November	8.45, Beech Class Assembly
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21st November	Flu Vaccination programme in school
Thursday 23rd November	1.00-3.30, SSP Small School Football (Yr 5/6)
Friday 24th November	Food Bank Friday
Tuesday 28th November	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Thursday 30th November	8.45, Chestnut Class Assembly
Thursday 30th November	Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 1st December	8.45, Christingle Collective Worship
Wednesday 6th December	KS1 Christmas Production—The Landlord's Cat (details to follow)
Wednesday 6th December	1.00-3.30, SSP Sportshall Athletics at Bishop Luffa—Chestnut Class